

House Study Bill 17 - Introduced

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION BY
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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the right of an individual
3 to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, and use arms.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Right to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, and use**
6 **arms.** SEC. 1A. The right of an individual to acquire, keep,
7 possess, transport, carry, and use arms to defend life and
8 liberty and for all other legitimate purposes is fundamental
9 and inviolable. Licensure, registration, special taxation,
10 or any other measure that suppresses or discourages the free
11 exercise of this right is forbidden.

12 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
13 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
14 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
15 election for members of the general assembly and the secretary
16 of state is directed to cause the same to be published for
17 three consecutive months previous to the date of that election
18 as provided by law.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the right of
22 an individual to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry,
23 and use arms to defend life and liberty and for all other
24 legitimate purposes is fundamental and inviolable. Licensure,
25 registration, special taxation, or any other measure that
26 suppresses or discourages the free exercise of this right is
27 forbidden.

28 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the
29 next general assembly for adoption a second time before being
30 submitted to the electorate for ratification.